

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

MOTHER, LLC,

Plaintiff,

V.

L. L. BEAN, Inc.,

Defendant.

NO. C06-5540JKA

CONSENT CONFIDENTIALITY ORDER

The parties to this Consent Confidentiality Order have agreed to the terms of this Order; accordingly, it is ORDERED:

1. Scope. All documents (including electronically stored information) produced in the course of discovery, including initial disclosures, all responses to discovery requests, all deposition testimony and exhibits, other materials which may be subject to restrictions on disclosure for good cause and information derived directly therefrom (hereinafter collectively “documents”), shall be subject to this Order concerning confidential information as set forth below. This Order is subject to the Local Rules of this District and of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on matters of procedure and calculation of time periods.

1 **2. Form and Timing of Designation.** A party may designate documents as
2 confidential and restricted in disclosure under this Order by placing or affixing the word
3 “CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER” on the document in a manner
4 that will not interfere with the legibility of the document and that will permit complete
5 removal of the CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER designation.
6 Documents shall be designated CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER
7 prior to or at the time of the production or disclosure of the documents. The designation
8 “CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER” does not mean that the
9 document has any status or protection by statute or otherwise except to the extent and for the
10 purposes of this Order.

11 **3. Documents Which May be Designated CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT TO**
12 **PROTECTIVE ORDER.** Any party may designate documents as CONFIDENTIAL —
13 SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER but only after review of the documents by an attorney
14 or a party appearing *pro se* who has in good faith determined that the documents contain
15 information protected from disclosure by statute or that should be protected from disclosure as
16 confidential personal information, trade secrets, personnel records, or commercial
17 information. The designation shall be made subject to the standards of Rule 11 and the
18 sanctions of Rule 37 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Information or documents that
19 are available in the public sector may not be designated as CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT
20 TO PROTECTIVE ORDER.

21 **4. Depositions.** Deposition testimony shall be deemed CONFIDENTIAL —
22 SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER only if designated as such. Such designation shall be
23 specific as to the portions to be designated CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT TO
24 PROTECTIVE ORDER. Depositions, in whole or in part, shall be designated on the record
25 as CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER at the time of the deposition.
26 Deposition testimony so designated shall remain CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT TO
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1 PROTECTIVE ORDER until seven days after delivery of the transcript by the court reporter.
2 Within seven days after delivery of the transcript, a designating party may serve a Notice of
3 Designation to all parties of record as to specific portions of the transcript to be designated
4 CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER. Thereafter, those portions so
5 designated shall be protected as CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER
6 pending objection under the terms of this Order. The failure to serve a Notice of Designation
7 shall waive the CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER designation
8 made on the record of the deposition.

9 **5. Protection of Confidential Material.**

10 **(a) General Protections.** Documents designated CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT
11 TO PROTECTIVE ORDER under this Order shall not be used or disclosed by the parties,
12 counsel for the parties or any other persons identified in ¶ 6(b) for any purpose whatsoever
13 other than to prepare for and to conduct discovery and trial in this action, including any appeal
14 thereof.

15 **(b) Limited Third—Party Disclosures.** The parties and counsel for the parties shall
16 not disclose or permit the disclosure of any CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT TO
17 PROTECTIVE ORDER documents to any third person or entity except as set forth in
18 subparagraphs (1)–(6) of this subpart. Subject to these requirements, the following categories
19 of persons may be allowed to review documents that have been designated CONFIDENTIAL
20 — SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER:

21 **(1) Counsel.** Counsel for the parties and employees of counsel who have
22 responsibility for the preparation and trial of the action;

23 **(2) Parties.** Parties and employees of a party to this Order;

24 **(3) Court Reporters and Recorders.** Court reporters and recorders engaged for
25 depositions;

(4) Contractors. Those persons specifically engaged for the limited purpose of making copies of documents or organizing or processing documents but only after each such person has completed the certification contained in Attachment A, Acknowledgment of Understanding and Agreement to Be Bound;

(5) Consultants and Experts. Consultants, investigators, or experts (hereinafter referred to collectively as “experts”) employed by the parties or counsel for the parties to assist in the preparation and trial of this action, but only after such persons have completed the certification contained in Attachment A, Acknowledgment of Understanding and Agreement to Be Bound; and

(6) Others by Consent. Other persons only by written consent of the producing party or upon order of the Court and on such conditions as may be agreed or ordered. All such persons shall execute the certification contained in Attachment A, Acknowledgment of Understanding and Agreement to Be Bound.

(c) Control of Documents. Counsel for the parties shall make reasonable efforts to prevent unauthorized disclosure of documents designated as CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER pursuant to the terms of this Order. Counsel shall maintain the originals of the forms signed by persons acknowledging their obligations under this Order for a period of six years from the date of signing.

(d) Copies. Prior to production to another party, all copies, electronic images, duplicates, extracts, summaries or descriptions (hereinafter referred to collectively as “copies”) of documents designated as CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER under this Order, or any individual portion of such a document, shall be affixed with the designation “CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER” if the words do not already appear on the copy. All such copies shall thereafter be entitled to the protection of this Order. The term “copies” shall not include indices, electronic databases or lists of documents provided these indices, electronic databases or lists do not contain

1 substantial portions or images of the text of confidential documents or otherwise disclose the
2 substance of the confidential information contained in those documents.

3 **6. Filing of CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER**

4 **Documents Under Seal.** Before any document marked as CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT
5 TO PROTECTIVE ORDER is filed with the Clerk, the party filing the document shall make
6 reasonable efforts to ensure that the document is protected from public disclosure. The filing
7 party shall first consult with the party which originally designated the document as
8 CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER to determine whether, with the
9 consent of that party, a redacted document may be filed with the Court not under seal. Where
10 agreement is not possible or adequate, before a confidential document is filed with the Clerk,
11 it shall be placed in a sealed envelope marked “CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT TO
12 PROTECTIVE ORDER DOCUMENTS”, displaying the case name, docket number, a
13 designation of what the document is, the name of the party in whose behalf it is submitted,
14 and the name of the attorney who has filed the documents on the front of the envelope. If the
15 contents of CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER documents are
16 incorporated into memoranda or other pleadings filed with the court, counsel shall prepare
17 two versions of the pleadings, a public and a confidential version. The public version shall
18 contain a redaction of references to CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE
19 ORDER documents. The confidential version shall be a full and complete version of the
20 pleading and shall be filed with the Clerk under seal as above.

21 **7. No Greater Protection of Specific Documents.** No party may withhold
22 information from discovery on the ground that it requires protection greater than that afforded
23 by this Order unless the party moves for an order providing such special protection.

24 **8. Challenges by a Party to Designation as Confidential.** Any CONFIDENTIAL
25 — SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER designation is subject to challenge by any party or
26 non-party (hereafter “party”). The following procedure shall apply to any such challenge.

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(a) Objection to Confidentiality. Within 30 days of the receipt of any document designated CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER or of the refusal to produce a document on the ground of such designation, a party may serve upon the designating party an objection to the designation. The objection shall specify the documents to which the objection is directed and shall set forth the reasons for the objection as to each document or category of documents. CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER documents to which objection has been made shall remain CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER until designated otherwise by waiver, agreement, or order of the Court.

(b) Obligation to Meet and Confer. The objecting party and the party which designated the documents to which objection has been made shall have fifteen (15) days from service of the objection to meet and confer in a good faith effort to resolve the objection by agreement. If agreement is reached confirming or waiving the CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER designation as to any documents subject to the objection, the designating party shall serve on all parties a notice specifying the documents and the nature of the agreement.

(c) Obligation to File Motion. In the absence of agreement as to any documents designated CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER, the designating party shall file within 30 days of the service of the objection a motion to retain the CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER designation. The moving party has the burden to show good cause for the CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER designation. The failure to file the motion waives the CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER designation of documents to which objection was made.

9. Action by the Court. Applications to the Court for an order relating to documents designated CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER shall be by motion

1 under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26. Nothing in this Order or any action or agreement of a party under
2 this Order limits the Court's power to make orders concerning the disclosure of documents
3 produced in discovery or at trial. (emphasis added by court).

4 **10. Use of Confidential Documents or Information at Trial.** A party which intends
5 to present or which anticipates that another party may present at trial CONFIDENTIAL —
6 SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER documents or information derived therefrom shall
7 identify the issue, not the information, in the pretrial memorandum. The Court may thereafter
8 make such orders as are necessary to govern the use of such documents or information at trial.

9 **11. Obligations on Conclusion of Litigation.**

10 **(a) Order Remains in Effect.** Unless otherwise agreed or ordered, this Order shall
11 remain in force after dismissal or entry of final judgment not subject to further appeal.

12 **(b) Return of CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER**
13 **Documents.** Within thirty days after dismissal or entry of final judgment not subject to
14 further appeal, all documents treated as CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE
15 ORDER under this Order, including copies as defined in ¶ 6(d), shall be returned to the
16 producing party unless: (1) the document has been offered into evidence or filed without
17 restriction as to disclosure; (2) the parties agree to destruction in lieu of return; or (3) as to
18 documents bearing the notations, summations, or other mental impressions of the receiving
19 party, that party elects to destroy the documents and certifies to the producing party that it has
20 done so. Notwithstanding the above requirements to return or destroy documents, counsel
21 may retain attorney work product, including an index which refers or relates to information
22 designated CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER, so long as that work
23 product does not duplicate verbatim substantial portions of the text or images of confidential
24 documents. This work product shall continue to be CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT TO
25 PROTECTIVE ORDER under this Order. An attorney may use his or her work product in a

1 subsequent litigation provided that its use does not disclose or use CONFIDENTIAL —
2 SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER documents.

3 **(c) Return of Documents Filed under Seal.** After dismissal or entry of final
4 judgment not subject to further appeal, the Clerk may elect to return to counsel for the parties
5 or, after notice, destroy documents filed or offered at trial under seal or otherwise restricted by
6 the Court as to disclosure.

7 **12. Order Subject to Modification.** This Order shall be subject to modification by
8 the Court on its own motion or on motion of a party or any other person with standing
9 concerning the subject matter. Motions to modify this Order shall be served and filed under
10 Fed. R. Civ. P. 26. (emphasis added by the court).

11 **13. No Prior Judicial Determination.** This Order is entered based on the
12 representations and agreements of the parties and for the purpose of facilitating discovery.
13 Nothing herein shall be construed or presented as a judicial determination that any documents
14 or information designated CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER by
15 counsel or the parties is subject to protection under Rule 26(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil
16 Procedure or otherwise until such time as the Court may rule on a specific document or issue.

17 **14. Persons Bound.** This Order shall take effect when entered and shall be binding
18 upon all counsel and their law firms, the parties, and persons made subject to this Order by its
19 terms.

20 **SO ORDERED.**

21 Dated: April 9, 2007

22 /s/ J. Kelley Arnold
Honorable J. Kelley Arnold
Chief United States Magistrate Judge

1 **WE SO MOVE and agree to abide by the terms of this Order.**

2 Dated: April 9, 2007

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19 **WE SO MOVE/CONSENT and agree to abide by the terms of this Order.**

20 Dated: April 9, 2007

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ATTACHMENT A

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that he/she has read the Confidentiality Order dated April 9, 2007, in the above-captioned action and attached hereto, understands the terms thereof, and agrees to be bound by its terms. The undersigned submits to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington in matters relating to the Confidentiality Order and understands that the terms of the Confidentiality Order obligate him/her to use documents designated **CONFIDENTIAL — SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER** in accordance with the Order solely for the purposes of the above-captioned action, and not to disclose any such documents or information derived directly therefrom to any other person, firm or concern.

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The undersigned acknowledges that violation of the Confidentiality Order may result in penalties for contempt of court.

Name: _____

Job Title: _____

Employer: _____

Business Address: _____

Date: _____ Signature _____

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on April 9, 2007, I electronically filed the foregoing Consent Confidentiality Order using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to all counsel of record in this action.

/s/ David Swetnam–Burland
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